

Answer on Question #63507 – Math – Calculus

Question

1. Find the angle between $A=2i+2j-k$ and $B=6i-3j+2k$

Solution

$$\cos\alpha = \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{|\vec{a}| \cdot |\vec{b}|}$$

$$\vec{a}(2; 2; -1)$$

$$\vec{b}(6; -3; 2)$$

$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 2 \cdot 6 + 2 \cdot (-3) + (-1) \cdot 2 = 12 - 6 - 2 = 4$$

$$|\vec{a}| = \sqrt{2^2 + 2^2 + (-1)^2} = 3$$

$$|\vec{b}| = \sqrt{6^2 + (-3)^2 + 2^2} = 7$$

$$\cos\alpha = \frac{4}{3 \cdot 7} = \frac{4}{21}$$

$$\alpha = 79^\circ$$

Answer: 79°

Question

2. Determine the value of a so that $A=2i+aj+k$ and $B=4i-2j-2k$ are perpendicular.

Solution

$$\vec{a}(2; a; 1)$$

$$\vec{b}(4; -2; -2)$$

If vectors are perpendicular, then

$$2 \cdot 4 + (-2)a + 1 \cdot (-2) = 0$$

$$8 - 2a - 2 = 0$$

$$6 = 2a$$

$$a = 3.$$

Answer: $a = 3.$

Question

3. Determine a unit vector perpendicular to the plane of $A=2i-6j-3k$ and $B=4i+3j-k$.

Solution

$$\begin{vmatrix} x & 2 & 4 \\ y & -6 & 3 \\ z & -3 & -1 \end{vmatrix} + D = x \cdot (-6) \cdot (-1) + 2 \cdot 3 \cdot z + 4 \cdot (-3)y - (4 \cdot (-6)z + 3 \cdot (-3)x + 2 \cdot (-1)y) + D$$
$$= 6x + 6z - 12y + 24z + 9x + 2y + D = 15x - 10y + 30z + D$$

$n = (15; -10; 30)$ is a vector perpendicular to the plane,

$$|n| = \sqrt{15^2 + (-10)^2 + 30^2} = 35.$$

A unit vector perpendicular to the plane is

$$n_1 = \frac{n}{|n|} = \left(\frac{15}{35}, -\frac{10}{35}, \frac{30}{35}\right) = \left(\frac{3}{7}, -\frac{2}{7}, \frac{6}{7}\right) \text{ or } n_2 = -\frac{n}{|n|} = -\left(\frac{15}{35}, -\frac{10}{35}, \frac{30}{35}\right) = \left(-\frac{3}{7}, \frac{2}{7}, -\frac{6}{7}\right),$$

hence $n_1 = \frac{3}{7}i - \frac{2}{7}j + \frac{6}{7}k$ or $n_2 = -\frac{3}{7}i + \frac{2}{7}j - \frac{6}{7}k$.

Answer: $\frac{3}{7}i - \frac{2}{7}j + \frac{6}{7}k$ or $-\frac{3}{7}i + \frac{2}{7}j - \frac{6}{7}k$.

Question

4. Find the work done in moving an object along a vector $r=3i+2j-5k$

Solution

$$\vec{F} = F_1i + F_2j + F_3k$$

Then work done in moving an object along a vector $r=3i+2j-5k$ is

$$A = (\vec{F}, \vec{r}) = 3F_1 + 2F_2 - 5F_3$$

Answer: $3F_1 + 2F_2 - 5F_3$.

Question

5. Given that $A=2i-j+3k$ and $B=3i+2j-k$, find $A \cdot B$

Solution

If

$$\vec{a}(2; -1; 3),$$

$$\vec{b}(3; 2; -1),$$

then

$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 2 \cdot 3 + (-1) \cdot 2 + 3 \cdot (-1) = 6 - 2 - 3 = 1.$$

Answer: 1.

Question

6. If $A=2i-3j-k$ and $B=i+4j-2k$, find $(A+B) \times (A-B)$

Solution

$$(A+B) = (2+1; (-3)+4; (-1)+(-2)) = (3; 1; -3)$$

$$(A-B) = (2-1; (-3)-4; (-1)-(-2)) = (1; -7; 1)$$

$$(A+B) \times (A-B) = \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ 3 & 1 & -3 \\ 1 & -7 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ -7 & 1 \end{vmatrix} i - \begin{vmatrix} 3 & -3 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} j + \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 1 & -7 \end{vmatrix} k =$$
$$= (1 \cdot 1 - (-7) \cdot (-3))i - (3 \cdot 1 - 1 \cdot (-3))j + (3 \cdot (-7) - 1 \cdot 1)k = -20i - 6j - 22k.$$

Answer: $-20i - 6j - 22k$.

Question

7. If $A=3i-j+2k$, $B=2i+j-k$ and $C=i-2j+2k$, find $(A \times B) \times C$

Solution

$$A \times B = \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ 3 & -1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix} i - \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 \end{vmatrix} j + \begin{vmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} k = ((-1) \cdot (-1) - 1 \cdot 2)i - -j(3 \cdot$$
$$(-1) - 2 \cdot 2) + k(3 \cdot 1 - 2 \cdot (-1)) = -i + 7j + 5k.$$

$$(A \times B) \times C = \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ -1 & 7 & 5 \\ 1 & -2 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 7 & 5 \\ -2 & 2 \end{vmatrix} i - \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 5 \\ 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} j + \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 7 \\ 1 & -2 \end{vmatrix} k =$$

$$= (7 \cdot 2 - (-2) \cdot 5)i - -((-1) \cdot 2 - 1 \cdot 5)j + ((-1) \cdot (-2) - 1 \cdot 7)k = 24i + 7j - 5k.$$

Answer: $24i + 7j - 5k$

Question

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Question

9. Evaluate $(2i-3j) \cdot [(i+j-k) \times (3i-k)]$

Solution

$$(2i-3j) \cdot [(i+j-k) \times (3i-k)]$$

$$(i+j-k) \times (3i-k) = \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 3 & 0 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = -i-2j-3k$$

$$(2i-3j) \cdot [(i+j-k) \times (3i-k)] = (2i-3j) \cdot (-i-2j-3k) = 2 \cdot (-1) + (-3) \cdot (-2) + 0 \cdot (-3) = -2 + 6 + 0 = 4.$$

Answer: 4

Question

10. If $A=i-2j-3k$, $B=2i+j-k$ and $C=i+3j-2k$, evaluate $(A \times B) \cdot C$

Solution

$$A \times B = \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ 1 & -2 & -3 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} -2 & -3 \\ 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix} i - \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ 2 & -1 \end{vmatrix} j + \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} k =$$

$$= ((-2) \cdot (-1) - 1 \cdot (-3))i - (1 \cdot (-1) - 2 \cdot (-3))j + (1 \cdot 1 - 2 \cdot (-2))k \\ = 5i - 5j + 5k$$

$$(A \times B) \cdot C = (5i - 5j + 5k) \cdot (i + 3j - 2k) = 5 \cdot 1 + (-5) \cdot 3 + 5 \cdot (-2) = 5 - 15 - 10 = -20.$$

Answer: -20.